

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/GR2004/000035

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61F11/04 A61N1/36

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61F A61N H04R

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 824 022 A (ZILBERMAN YITZHAK ET AL) 20 October 1998 (1998-10-20) column 2, lines 14-19; figures 1,2,5 column 3, lines 55-65 column 7, lines 15-29 column 10, lines 42-51	1-3
X	WO 97/32629 A (LENARZ THOMAS ; WEBER BENNO P (DE); NEUBURGER JURGEN (DE); ADVANCED BI) 12 September 1997 (1997-09-12) page 1, lines 1-14 page 2, line 33 - page 3, line 4 page 10, lines 6-37; figure 2a ----- -/--	1-3

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

3 September 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

09/09/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Loveniers, K

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GR2004/000035

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 067 474 A (SCHULMAN JOSEPH H ET AL) 23 May 2000 (2000-05-23) column 1, lines 22-25 column 8, line 61 - column 9, line 4; figure 1b -----	1-3
X	US 2002/012438 A1 (LEYSIEFFER HANS ET AL) 31 January 2002 (2002-01-31) paragraph '0151!; figure 10 -----	1-3
A	US 6 358 281 B1 (BERRANG PETER G ET AL) 19 March 2002 (2002-03-19) column 7, lines 13-37; figure 9 -----	3

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/GR2004/000035

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5824022	A	20-10-1998	NONE	
WO 9732629	A	12-09-1997	WO 9732629 A1	12-09-1997
			US 6141591 A	31-10-2000
US 6067474	A	23-05-2000	US 6308101 B1	23-10-2001
			US 6272382 B1	07-08-2001
			AU 753694 B2	24-10-2002
			AU 8680498 A	22-02-1999
			CA 2297022 A1	11-02-1999
			EP 1424098 A1	02-06-2004
			EP 0999874 A1	17-05-2000
			JP 2001511409 T	14-08-2001
			WO 9906108 A1	11-02-1999
US 2002012438	A1	31-01-2002	DE 10031832 A1	24-01-2002
			EP 1173044 A2	16-01-2002
US 6358281	B1	19-03-2002	AU 770943 B2	11-03-2004
			AU 1845901 A	12-06-2001
			WO 0139830 A2	07-06-2001
			CA 2384248 A1	07-06-2001
			EP 1233812 A2	28-08-2002
			US 2002019669 A1	14-02-2002